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1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DR.
MOUNT TO PROFESSOR NIKOLAI V. BUTORIN, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE
OF -NLAND WATER BIOLOGY, USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,
NEKOUZSKIY RAYON, YAROSLAVSKAYA OBLAST', P/O POROK

2. "DEAR PROFESSOR BUTORIN: I AM INDEED SORRY THAT WE ARE
UNA0LE TO HOLD OUR SYMPOSIUM IN MARCH, 1975, AND AM SORRY
FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE WE MAY HAVE CAUSED YOU. I NOW PRO-
POSE THAT THE SYMPOSIUM 0E HELD JULY 11-25. I AS PLEASED
TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER DATED JANUARY 7, 1975, AND TO LEARN
AUOUT THE PAPERS THAT YOU PROPOSE TO GIVE AT THE SYMPOSIUM.

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THE PAPERS THAT YOU PROPOSE TO GIVE SOUND INTERESTING AND ARE BROAD IN SCOPE. I AM SURE THEY WILL BE RECEIVED WITH MUCH INTEREST BY US SCIENTISTS. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE THEME OF THE SYMPOSIUM THAT WAS AGREED TO BY PROFESSOR WINBERG IN MARCH, 1973. (YOUR LETTER IS THE FIRST CORRESPONDENCE I HAVE HAD FROM THE USSR SINCE THEN.) I THOUGHT WE AGREED TO DISCUSS THE RATIONALE UPON WHICH PERMISSIBLE LEVELS OF POLLUTANTS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED. CHANGING TO THE SUBJECTS THAT YOU PROPOSE IS NOT A PROBLEM FOR US, EXCEPT THAT A DIFFERENT GROUP OF US SCIENTISTS MUST NOW BE INVITED. THE GROUP THAT WAS INVITED BEFORE AND THOSE WHO WERE PREPARING PAPERS WERE INTENDING TO COVER A SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT AREA THAN APPARENTLY IS YOUR WISH. FOR THIS REASON, THE PREPARATIONS THAT WE MADE FOR YOUR VISIT WILL NOW HAVE TO BE ALTERED AND A TOTALLY NEW APPROACH TO THE SYMPOSIUM DEVELOPED.

IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO ARRANGE FOR SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A NEW SYMPOSIUM, BECAUSE MOST OF THEM ARE PROFESSORS IN UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGH LEARNING AND REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE NOTICE TO ARRANGE THEIR TEACHING SCHEDULES SO AS TO BE PRESENT FOR THE SYMPOSIUM. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR BEST SCIENTISTS ARE AVAILABLE.

I SUGGEST THAT WE PLAN TO VISIT LABORATORIES FIRST AND THEN HOLD THE SYMPOSIUM. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE KNOW BY APRIL 15 WHETHER THE PROPOSED DATES ARE AGREEABLE WITH YOU, IN ORDER TO HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO PREPARE OUR PAPERS AND TO ARRANGE YOUR TRAVEL SCHEDULE. LABORATORIES THAT WE PLANNED FOR YOU TO VISIT DURING YOUR PROPOSED JANUARY TRIP, AND OFFICIALS OF DULUTH MADE ELABORATE PREPARATIONS. BEFORE MAKING SUCH PREPARATIONS AGAIN WE NEED YOUR CONFIRMATION OF THE PROPOSED DATES OR YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE DATES.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY REPLY.

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